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IMPORT EXPORT OF STEEL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any bilateral or multilateral trade pact with foreign countries which have direct or indirect bearing on the import and export of steel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum and value of steel imported and exported during the last two years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (b) : The Government does not have any bilateral or multilateral trade pact which is specific to Steel.However, there are several bilateral agreements for example India-Nepal Treaty of Trade, Indo-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement etc., on which tariff concessions are offered for export and import o f various products, including steel and multilateral trade agreements for example the WTO Agreement under which international trade of various products, inter-alia, steel products is conducted with the members of WTO.

(c):

Year	Item	Quantity in `000 Ton		Value (in Rupees Crores)	
		Import	Export	Import	Export
1999-2000	Primary & Semi finished iron and steel	70	2224	298.07	3163.86
	Iron and steel round bars/rods etc.	1970	139	3825.72	445.75
2000-2001	Primary & Semi finished iron and steel	131	2337	326.96	3973.95
	Iron and steel round bars/rods etc.	1468	179	3206.13	698.86

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata.